Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

20. (Currently amendment) ~~An L-arginine free~~ A pharmaceutical composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

a first substance comprising sodium chloride in an amount between about 1.5% and 6.9% (w/v);

a second substance comprising at least one of hydroxyethyl starch, dextran, carboxymethyl starch, polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP), gelatin derivatives, condensed glucose, glucose, fructose, lactose, glycerin, xylitol, sodium alginate, N-2-hydroxypropylacrylamide, ethylene epoxide, polypropylene glycol, pectin, and pentahydroxyethyl starch, wherein said second substance is present in an amount between about 3 and 18 % total (w/v);

a third substance comprising at least one of sodium bicarbonate, potassium chloride, magnesium sulfate, calcium chloride, calcium gluconate, calcium lactate, sodium lactate, sodium acetate and Tris (Hydroxy methyl) aminomethane, wherein said third substance is present in an amount between about 0 and 5.4 % total (w/v); and

an injection comprising at least one of water, physiological saline, balanced buffers, glucose solution, sodium lactate solution, sodium acetate solution, Tris solution, and glucose and sodium chloride solution, wherein said injection is present in an amount between about 75.1% and 95.5% total (w/v),

wherein the total sodium ion concentration does not exceed an equivalent sodium ion concentration of 6.9 % (w/v) sodium chloride solution..

21. (Currently amendment) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 20, wherein

said first substance comprises sodium chloride in an amount between about ~~2.5~~ 4.0 and about ~~2.7~~ 4.4 g per 100 ml; and

said second substance comprises hydroxyethyl starch in an amount between about 7.0 g and about 8.2 g per 100 ~~mL~~ ml.

22. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 20, wherein said second substance comprises hydroxyethyl starch, at least 10% of which has a molecular weight of about 25,000-45,000 atomic mass units.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously presented) A method for preparing the pharmaceutical composition of Claim 20, comprising:

dissolving an amount between about 3 g and 18 g of said second substance in a total of 100 ml of said injection;

adding 1.5 g of said first substance; and

mixing said injection to dissolve said first and second substances therein.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently amendment) The method for preparing the pharmaceutical composition of Claim ~~26~~ 20 comprising:

dissolving an amount between about 3 g and 18 g of said second substance in a total of 100 ml of said injection;

adding 1.5 g of said first substance;

adding an amount between 0 and about 5.4 g of said third substance, such that the total sodium ion concentration based on said first, second and third substances does not exceed an equivalent sodium ion concentration in a 6.9 % (w/v) sodium chloride solution; and

mixing said injection to dissolve said first, second, and third substances therein.

28. (Currently amendment) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim ~~26~~ 20, wherein

said first substance comprises sodium chloride in an amount of about 1.5 g;

said second substance comprises hydroxyethyl starch in an amount of about 3 g and dextran in an amount of about 9 g;

said third substance comprises sodium bicarbonate in an amount of about 3.4 g; and

said injection comprises physiological saline.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently amendment) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim ~~26~~ 20, wherein

said first substance comprises sodium chloride in an amount of about ~~2.7~~ 4.2 g;

said second substance comprises hydroxyethyl starch in an amount of about 7.6 g; and

said injection comprises water.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Cancelled)